

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The Office Action dated November 2, 2004 has been received and its contents carefully considered. Claims 1-18 are pending. Claims 1-18 have been rejected. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding rejections are respectfully requested in view of the following remarks.

OFFICE ACTION

Double Patenting

Claims 1-18 were rejected under the judicially created doctrine of double patenting over claims 1-15 of U.S. Patent No. 6, 615,493. Without conceding the propriety of the rejection, a Terminal Disclaimer is presented and is believed to overcome the rejection. Hence, withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. If it is believed that the application is not in condition for allowance the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned attorney if it is believed that such contact will expedite the prosecution of the application.

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In the event this paper is not timely filed, Applicant petitions for an appropriate extension of time. **Please charge \$110.00 to Deposit Account No. 50-2036** for the Terminal Disclaimer fee.

Respectfully submitted,

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